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## Always Room For One More Necklace



REG-MANNING

### THIS WILD WEST by Lucius Beebe

## The Slower the Transport, The Higher Is the Status

One thing the pestilence of jet flight has produced, aside from being the most effective agency of human butchery since the guillotine, has been to establish overland or surface travel as the most dazzling single status symbol in the long tally of snob services and artifices.

The status symbol came into being in the American consciousness as soon as wealth in appreciable and fluid quantities began accumulating to form individual fortunes and being spent to advertise superiority soon after the Civil War. Its factual representation has changed with the years, always being slowly downgraded in quality and implications, but its desirability has remained a constant in the American scheme of things.

Its first primeval forms were mansions of Fifth avenue, ocean-going steam yachts, boxes in the Diamond Horseshoe at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, titled sons-in-law, splendid dinners at Delmonico's and the ownership of racing stables, newspapers and diamond tiaras.

In our own debased time the status symbol has been reduced to less august dimensions. It is represented by Rolls-Royce motor cars, membership in acceptable country clubs, alligator skin sports shoes at \$150 the pair, Italian silk dinner jackets and winter vacations in the Bahamas or Capri.

For a brief time when jet flight was new, but no more fatal than it is today, the flying machine companies were able to con gullible travelers, mostly recruited from the ranks of executive vice presidents, Hollywood starlets and other lower social strata, that going jet itself was a status symbol.

The hurried dash to the airport with a brief case bulging with important business documents such as copies of Mad magazine, the bemused consultation of air time tables and the casual statement that one had breakfasted 3,000 miles away, often the precise difference separating the speaker from his luggage in a dimetrically opposite direction, all implied the big time executive, the man whose minutes were measured in millions and whose time was rationed amongst affairs of cosmic importance.

All unknown, however, jet travel at the same time it was stupifying the yokels and clowns, was building up the enviable estate of a status symbol that is the very negation of jet transport and its dubious benefactions.

### Crenshaw Overcrossing

News that County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has approved allocation of \$16,000 in county funds to assist in construction of an overcrossing on Crenshaw Boulevard near 187th Street should be hailed as good news by parents of the several hundred children who must cross that busy thoroughfare daily to attend Crenshaw Elementary School.

Hopes that the cost of the project might be split four ways between school, city, county, and state funds were dimmed earlier when state officials informed the city that it could not participate in the project. Unofficial reports indicated that the county probably could not participate, so Supervisor Hahn's announcement Tuesday evening of the \$16,000 allocation gives life to the plans for the student safety project.

The request for combined financing of the overcrossing originated with the Board of Education last month after parents of children attending Crenshaw Elementary School expressed alarm about the traffic hazards which will be presented with the opening of the San Diego Freeway off-ramp onto Crenshaw Boulevard near the school in about two weeks.

The crossing is used by several hundreds of children each school day and is located on a curve in the roadway which adds to the potential hazards facing students.

Approval of the overcrossing should mean the end to one of the major hazards along routes to and from the city's various schools, but it does not mean an end to all hazards. Enough remain to keep city and school officials supplied with an adequate inventory of nightmares.

There are, for example, serious hazards presented to students living east of Hawthorne Avenue as they cross that boulevard at 230th Street to attend Meadow Park Elementary School; students attending South High School from the Walteria area are forced to walk along busy Pacific Coast Highway without the benefit of sidewalks; and students at the new Victor Elementary School and a new parochial school scheduled to open in September on Anza Avenue north of Torrance Boulevard have dangerous streets to traverse without benefit of sidewalks and other safeguards. A temporary sidewalk will be built along Anza between Torrance Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard, but it will only be a partial solution to the problem.

We admonish city and school officials to continue their efforts to provide safe lanes of travel for the city's growing student population. A young life is a price too high to pay for inadequate safety facilities.

### Opinions of Others

One for the reasons for losing ground in our fight to defend our constitutional republic and its private enterprise system of economy is ignorance of the value of competition and free enterprise and the profit motive. In fact, profit and capitalism are getting to be sneer words, whereas they are, in truth, essential to the preservation of individual liberty.—Coronado Del Mar (Calif.) Ensign.

It is not a pleasant subject to talk about continual erosion of the dollar, and to think that the great country we live in, abundant in raw materials and natural resources . . . would find itself in the monetary mess that looms on the horizon. How long will the American public be fooled? —Palmer (Alaska) The Frontiersman.

### Morning Report:

General James Gavin has quit as our ambassador in Paris. The job paid \$53,000 but it wasn't enough to keep up with the diplomatic set and buy shoes for his kids.

When he was in the Army, the Government paid all of Gavin's expenses. If he had been required to buy his own parachutes, Gavin never would have made the grade as a paratrooper.

But talent isn't enough to be an ambassador. You also need money. This limits Mr. Kennedy's choices. If Roger Blough, president of U. S. Steel, won't take the job, maybe Jack can persuade Ted to move to France.

Abe Mellinkoff

### ROYCE BRIER

## Some Sticky Fingered Reds Get the Business

An American financier took \$2 million of his company's funds, but hopped to Brazil before he could use it. Or take Billy Sol Estes.

Comrade Khrushchev has from time to time commented on these slips in our national life. His theoreticians and doctrinaire publications are even more obsessed with it. This is the way capitalism works, they say. It is an inherent tendency to corruption, the natural handmaiden of the exploitation of one man by another.

A good yarn to support Marx started it, and any convinced Communist still will bend your ear for hours at a time demonstrating to his own content that capitalism is the primary breeder of crime.

with away, because in such a society there is no incentive to steal, bribe or in any way rook your fellow man. They don't say when this state of virtue arrives, though.

For some months there has been a series of corruption directed at high executives in Kirghiz republic, Central Asia. Involved in the conspiracy are also unnumbered and unnamed working stiffs. There is further a Moscow finance ministry factotum named Degtyarev, sentenced to death for bribery, but you aren't sure if he was in the Kirghiz plot.

Indeed, Soviet authorities have been playing the trials close to the vest, and correspondents can't dig out much on them, or untangle them.

How can such widespread and persistent knavery flourish in a non-capitalist society? Well, next time you drop in for a chat with Comrade Khrushchev, ask him. Like our own politicians, he'll say, "I'm glad you asked me that."

dayer and Akhun, administrators, have been sentenced to death, with at least seven others. This was hardly a petty case. It existed for some years. The big wheels stole raw materials from state plants, peddled them out at their profit to a trade network. They illegally bought foreign bullion. They bribed right and left. The topcats acquired cars, villas and every luxury. About \$4.4 million of this stolen property has been seized. But the take may run to \$7 million more.

All you read is that in Kirghiz, Comrades Dyusha-

### AFTER HOURS By John Morley

## Some Soul-Searching Behind the News Beat

Late, almost every night, wherever we are, here or abroad, we review the highlights of our day . . . our contacts with the high and low . . . plus the current news of the day . . . for the preparation of our syndicated column, "After Hours."

This is why, when we started it in 1933, we called it "After Hours." For that's what it is . . . thoughts after working hours . . . beginning its 29th year this month.

As a columnist . . . and as a current affairs speaker on the professional platform . . . we are accepted for what we say. Not because it is noteworthy or popular . . . not because it attempts to sell or exchange anyone's opinion . . . but simply because we hope it helps stimulate thought and action.

We believe this is the purpose of our profession. The minute we get to "crusading" . . . or get too biased on any issue . . . we lose our objectivity and purpose. This does not mean that our opinions and preferences don't show. They do.

But they are expressed in the hope that they will clarify issues . . . that politics or propaganda deliberately leave out.

For example, a lot is coming out of Washington on extending the benefits of social security . . . and there are benefits. But many of the undesirable points of social security are not made public because those who advocate social security do not want the public to know about them.

Some of these advocates are undoubtedly sincere . . . others support it for political reasons.

At any rate, when we believe they are holding out, we are going to say so. It is not that we're mad at them, or at anyone who wants to think like them.

We are only after those who try to socialize America through the back door, while swearing that they are not.

When they advocate socialism, we want them to say so, so the people can decide with their ballots.

Here's proof of what we mean. When the Social Security Act was signed by President Roosevelt on Aug. 14, 1935, it was supposed to provide, they said to the nation, a "floor of protection against want and destitution."

Now, who can be against a thing like that? We all fell for it. But look how far beyond "want and destitution" it has grown . . . when a millionaire is forced to join it today.

There are undoubtedly

### Quote

"Vacation: A trip that puts you in the pink and leaves you in the red." — Virginia Gaskill, Pennsylvania (Pa) Town and Country.

"Life in the country seems to agree with relatives from the city." — Lee Batchelor, Sauk Rapids (Minn.) Herald.

"Rude, poor people are called impolite. Rude, rich people are called eccentric." — John L. Teets, Richwood (West Va.) Nicholas Republican.

"One of the toughest shopping jobs is a find a wedding present that looks like it cost as much as it does." — Bert Masterson, Hartsdale (N.Y.) Masterson Press.

"Foster Locke is a pretty good sport. He now gives me a cart-length's start before we race each other to the checkout counter." — Charlie Crawford, Lawrenceburg (Tenn.) Democrat-Union.

"The trouble with staying home from work is that you have to drink coffee on your own time." — Lloyd S. Walters, Mountain Home (Ida.) News.

"Every time the price of hair cuts goes up it seems easier to forget to get one." — Loyd Neff, Overland Park (Kans.) Johnson County Herald.

they will be tempted to eat on the Lurline. What would be their opinion if they actually saw what socialism has done to English medicine?

What do they really know about Brown or Nixon? Do they approve or disapprove on hunches, superficial images, partisanship . . . or have they ever dropped in behind the scenes to see how these men operate when the voters aren't looking?

We reporters make mistakes, even though we have inside facts.

Since this is true, how many more mistakes are the readers likely to make in the absence of the inside facts?

We like to think that as professionals we must face both the facts and public critique.

We like to think that honest reporting sometimes ends in honest mistakes.

We also like to think that we are respected for making the effort.

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### Our Man Hoppe

## It's Too Cruel— Even for Reds

Art Hoppo

Many people have urged using American public relations know-how abroad to win the Cold War. But as far as I know, Mr. Harry V. Plate is the first to come up with a workable plan. Mr. Plate, a bright, engaging young public relations man, was in the other day to explain it.

"What we do," says Mr. Plate, "is to pick our greatest public relations man and ship him post-paid to Russia as a gift of friendship to help the Communists hard-sell the Kremlin-Khrushchev image. Using our techniques.

"This gets him their confidence. So he closes the Kremlin offices one day a week for a fashion show for lady newspaper editors and one day a week for a Miss Four-Drawer File Clerk Beauty Pageant. Or whatever. These will be followed by a Snail Race and a Pee Wee Golf Tournament.

"By now, the Kremlin is operating on a 15-hour week. Our man goes to work on Mr. Khrushchev's image. With one hand Mr. Khrushchev is holding down his new wavy, brown toupee. With the other he is cutting ribbons, laying corner stones and crowning Miss Something-or-Other around the clock. He hasn't got time to think about burying us.

"Meanwhile, the secret police is mobilized for the door-to-door promotion of Lenin and Marx sweat shirts. The Army and proletariat are half-cocked from patriotically downing the new 'Khrushchev Cocktail' (straight Ethyl with a wick in it). Russian scientists are on a crash program to make black bread creamy white with no holes in it. And every Soviet woman is under the hair dryer getting the 'Lady K Hairdo,' which features a bun in the back and wisps straggling down the forehead.

"Mrs. K, herself, is sent on a world tour aboard a flower bedecked elephant and is hailed everywhere as 'Russki rani' or 'Queen of Russia.' This gives her ideas which, on her return, she urges on Mr. K. On the night the Kremlin is immobilized by The World Wide Jazz Festival, he takes over, proclaims himself Tsar Nikita I, joins with us in a program to stamp out Communism and Soviet-American relations are back where they were 50 years ago.

"Victory in the Cold War through American Public Relations."

Seeing Mr. Plate has paused for breath, I inquired why we couldn't just eliminate public relations in this country instead. By putting the time we now waste in this field to good use, we could undoubtedly win the Cold War fair and square. Though exhausted, Mr. Plate managed a shudder.

Besides, I said, his plan had a drawback: How would we ever decide who was the greatest public relations man in America? Mr. Plate lowered his eyes. Modestly.

Donations to send Mr. Plate to Russia will be welcomed.

**STAR GAZER**  
By CLAY R. POLLAN  
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars  
To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	11	23	35	47	59
Taurus	12	24	36	48	60
Gemini	13	25	37	49	61
Cancer	14	26	38	50	62
Leo	15	27	39	51	63
Virgo	16	28	40	52	64
Libra	17	29	41	53	65
Scorpio	18	30	42	54	66
Sagittarius	19	31	43	55	67
Capricorn	20	32	44	56	68
Aquarius	21	33	45	57	69
Pisces	22	34	46	58	70